

# Newsletter



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

Dear families,

My goodness we have had a fantastic week at Place Farm! There were some fabulous costumes on show for World Book Day yesterday - it was wonderful to see everyone getting involved by immersing themselves in all things book-related! The children enjoyed some great activities including: buddying up with other classes to read and listening to teachers read their favourite books.

Well done to all those children (and parents) who participated in the book in a box competition - these were amazing and so creative! I know staff had a tricky time trying to choose the winners! Please see some examples elsewhere in the newsletter.



We have our parents' evening quickly approaching on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> (3.45pm-7.30pm) and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March (3.45-5.00pm). We are using a different system for booking appointments this time, which will hopefully make things even easier - information on how to book will follow on Arbor today. If you have any problems, please reach out to our office, who would be happy to help.



I wish to thank you for your patience with regards to the ongoing issues in our school kitchen. We have been working closely with the trust to remedy this as soon as possible; unfortunately it has proved more complicated than anticipated! We hope to have this fixed soon and will keep you updated. In the meantime, we are working with Caterlink to provide appropriate alternatives.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office directly, or via our email address: [admin@placefarm.org.uk](mailto:admin@placefarm.org.uk).

Wishing you a great weekend,

Mrs McConnell

## Upcoming dates:

### March

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Mar: Year 3 Trip to Cinema  
Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Mar: 5JG Reading Café 9:00-9:30  
4KM & 2LA library visits  
Thur 20<sup>th</sup> Mar: 6SL Reading Café 9:00-9:30  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Mar: Red Nose Day  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Mar: Parents evening (3.45pm-7.30pm)  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Mar: Parents evening (3.45pm-5.00pm)  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Mar: Y5 Trip to Cambridge Museums  
Thur 27<sup>th</sup> Mar: 6EJ Reading Café 9:00-9:30  
3SA library visit  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar: Y4 Trip to West Stow

### April

Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr: 5ML Reading Café 9:00-9:30  
Y6 Visit to Mosque  
1ES & 1ED library visits  
Spring term discos (further information to follow)

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April: School term ends**

**Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> April: New school term begins**

Thur 24<sup>th</sup> April: 2LA Reading Café 9:00-9:30  
4RG & 2LP library visits

### May

Thur 1<sup>st</sup> May: 2LP and Rainbow Reading Café 9:00-9:30  
3KM library visit  
Thur 8<sup>th</sup> May: 1ED and 1ES Reading Café 9:00-9:30  
5JG & 5ML library visits  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> May: Y6 SATS week (Mon-Thurs)  
Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Class photos

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May is half term**

### June

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun: EYFS Trip to Boydells Farm  
Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Jun: 0AP and 0CS Reading Café 9:00-9:30  
Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Jun: 3SA and 6EJ Reading Café 9:00-9:30  
Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Jun: Y5 Kip on a ship residential trip (until Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June)  
3KM and 6SL Reading Café 9:00-9:30  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Jun: Sports Days this week (further information to follow)  
**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jun: PD day (school closed to all)**

### July

Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul: 4RG and 4KM Reading Café 9:00-9:30  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Jul: Y6 residential trip (Wed – Fri)  
Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Jul: 5JG and 5ML Reading Café 9:00-9:30  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Jul: Reports sent home  
Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Jul: Y6 Graduation  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Jul: Transition days (Wed-Fri)  
**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Jul: Start of summer holidays**

## **Tesco Stronger Start Grant**

An application that we made to Tesco for funding the development of our outdoor learning provision was successful and from next week there will be the option to vote for our school to receive the funding. If you shop at Tesco, and you get given the blue plastic tokens, could you please put these in the box with our school information on which will say:

Place Farm Primary Academy  
Outdoor Learning Enhancement  
Haverhill

The grant will be used in an after-school club to create new wildlife habitats around our school site. This will enhance science learning that takes place inside the classroom.

## **Water Bottles**

We kindly ask that children bring in plastic water bottles, rather than the metal versions. This is for health and safety reasons to avoid injuries related to any knocks or drops. Thank you for your support with this! 😊

## **SEND Parent Padlet:**

<https://padlet.com/lkidd11/parenting-padlet-hgdrprcnhl3ene5>

Please use this link to have an explore of our new SEND Parent Padlet, which contains lots of information resources and links to provide you with support and advice. There are links to local groups, SEND resources and parenting tips.

## **NHS courses to support emotional health and wellbeing**

The NHS have a website called 'inourplace' which provides online learning courses for parents and families to support with emotional health and wellbeing. Please see below for the link to this:

<https://inourplace.co.uk/>



**Welcome to your place for  
emotional health and wellbeing**

# Celebration Assembly



Congratulations to everyone who received a certificate in celebration assembly this week. We had lots of children receiving their coloured certificates today as well as some PROUD certificates. We also had one child who was celebrated for his achievements from outside of school.



The AR Word count champions for this week were 4RG, the AR Quiz champions for this week were 3SA and the most improved readers were 5JG.



We are also continuing to celebrate maths achievements on tt rockstars. This term, we are presenting certificates to the child in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 who achieved the most coins in their year group, as well as certificates for the three children who had the biggest increase in their times table recall speed.

Times table knowledge and fluency are so important in many areas of maths. Please continue to encourage your children to use tt rockstars at home. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

## **Attendance**

In celebration assembly each week, we also celebrate the classes with the best attendance of the previous week. Attendance is vitally important to a child's success both in school and in later life.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> place we had OAP with 98.4%

In 2<sup>nd</sup> place we had OCS and 4KM joint with 99.2%

In 1<sup>st</sup> place we had 2LP with 99.3%

Whole school attendance was 96.1%





## World Book Day!!

The children had an amazing day and we saw some fantastic shoe boxes and outfits.









## Reading Café 4RG

We had a very special Reading Café for 4RG on Thursday, as we were celebrating World Book Day. We had lots of super costumes! Our children love inviting you in to share stories with them. Thank you to everyone that has joined us so far, and we look forward to seeing more of you each week.









## Red Nose Day



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March is Red Nose Day. This year, the children are welcome to come to school wearing *non-uniform* please can they wear something *red* to celebrate this amazing charity. We are asking for a *donation of £1* to this charity.

We hope you will take part!





# Place Farm Primary Academy

## Breakfast and Afterschool Club

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*We provide a welcoming environment for children – who attend Place Farm Primary - from EYFS to Year Six. We offer the children a wide range of stimulating activities planned for enjoyment and relaxation with the opportunities to develop new friendship and skills. The activities are planned with the children's ideas and wishes included where possible. Activities are also adapted to suit the needs of the children so that they can all access the activities.*

### Welcome to Breakfast club,

Children are greeted with a friendly smile and we provide breakfast on arrival. They can then choose from a wide range of activities until they are escorted to their classrooms by a member of staff.



*"I like breakfast club because I won't be hungry and I like being a waitress taking the children's orders." Emily*

*"I give Breakfast club 10 stars; I like chocolate spread on toast." Maria*



Bookings for Breakfast Club must be booked and paid for in advance through the School Comms App by 6pm the night before your child's session.

### Times and prices

#### Breakfast Club (Term-time Only)

7:30am to 8:35am £5.00  
8:00am to 8:35am £4.00

Breakfast is provided for children - if required.

Breakfast includes:

- A variety of cereals
- Toast
- Milk and water

#### Afterschool Club (Term-time Only)

3:25pm to 4:15pm £4.00  
3:25pm to 5:15pm £6.00  
3:25pm to 6:00pm £8.00

Parents to provide snack for their child.

Bookings and payments must be made via the SchoolComms app, in advance.

Booking for Afterschool club via the SchoolComms App should be made before 8:30am, after this time if you need to book your child for that day's session, please ring the school office.

*Breakfast and Afterschool club is looking for donations of good quality games, toys and board games suitable for children aged 4 to 11.*

*If you have any of the above that your children no longer play with, and would like to donate, please contact Mrs Polley or the office.*



## **Easter Holiday Activities**

### **Prestige Sports**

Prestige Sports will be running their Football Camps and Mega Sports & Activity Camps at Samuel Ward Academy this Easter! They will be on Monday 7th to Friday 11th April & Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April. They are open 9am-3.30pm with early drop off from 8.15am and late pick up until 5.30pm as optional extras. Payments can be made using the tax free childcare system too.

You can book online using this link: [www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com](http://www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com)

Use discount code: EASTER25 for early bird discount until 21st March.

# parkrun

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